Catalogue entries for William Wyatt Gill manuscripts held at Auckland Libraries

GNZMS 44, GNZMS 45, GNZMS 46, and GNZMS 120

MSnumber	**GNZMS 44**
Author	Gill, William Wyatt, 1828-1896
Title	Historical sketches of savage life in Polynesia. 1880.
Phys descr	1 volume (unpaginated); 35 cm.
Abstract	Historical sketches of savage life in Polynesia, with illustrative clan songs. 1878. Accompanied by letter from authors wife about donating the manuscript to the Auckland Public Library Grey collection.
Bio note	Born in Bristol, England, William Wyatt Gill was drawn to the ministry at an early age, becoming a member of the Kingsland Congregational Chapel in his native city at age 14. He joined the London Missionary Society in June 1851 and was stationed at Mangaia in the Cook Islands from 1852 to 1872. He moved to Rarotonga in April 1877 and worked there until he retired in November 1883. Gill's scholarly work, Myths and Songs from the South Pacific was published in London in 1876. Through Sir George Grey's influence, Gill's Historical Sketches of Savage Life in Polynesia was published by the NZ Government Printer in 1880. In the late 1880s Gill revised the Rarotongan Bible.

MSnumber	**GNZMS 45**
Author	Gill, William Wyatt, 1828-1896
Title	Native songs used in 'Myths and songs'. 187-?
Phys descr	84 items; 7 - 25 cm.
Abstract	Native songs, etc. used in 'Myths and songs from the South Pacific.' & 'Historical sketches of savage life in Polynesia' written out for me by natives. Written in Polynesian languages
Bio note	Born in Bristol, England, William Wyatt Gill was drawn to the ministry at an early age, becoming a member of the Kingsland Congregational Chapel in his native city at age 14. He joined the London Missionary Society in June 1851 and was stationed at Mangaia in the Cook Islands from 1852 to 1872. He moved to Rarotonga in April 1877 and worked there until he retired in November 1883. Gill's scholarly work, Myths and Songs from the South Pacific was published in London in 1876. Through Sir George Grey's influence, Gill's Historical Sketches of Savage Life in Polynesia was published by the NZ Government Printer in 1880. In the late 1880s Gill revised the Rarotongan Bible.

MSnumber	**GNZMS 46**
Author	Gill, William Wyatt, 1828-1896
Title	Historical sketches of savage life in Polynesia 187-?
Phys descr	234 pages ; 35 cm.
Abstract	Contains many poems in Polynesian languages and English. Date 1879 to t.p. Written in Polynesian languages
Bio note	Born in Bristol, England, William Wyatt Gill was drawn to the ministry at an early age, becoming a member of the Kingsland Congregational Chapel in his native city at age 14. He joined the London Missionary Society in June 1851 and was stationed at Mangaia in the Cook Islands from 1852 to 1872. He moved to Rarotonga in April 1877 and worked there until he retired in November 1883. Gill's scholarly work, Myths and Songs from the South Pacific was published in London in 1876. Through Sir George Grey's influence, Gill's Historical Sketches of Savage Life in Polynesia was published by the NZ Government Printer in 1880. In the late 1880s Gill revised the Rarotongan Bible.

MSnumber	**GNZMS 120**
Author	Gill, William Wyatt, 1828-1896
Title	Genealogy of the Kings of the Hervey Islands, 1869-1870
Phys descr	6 items; 26 cm.
Abstract	Genealogy of the Kings of the Hervey Islands, now known as the Cook Islands. Written in English and Cook Islands Maori. The manuscript is divided into the following six sections: 1. E tuatua teia no te ui ariki i taito i to ratou katiri anga mei tupua mai. 9pp. 2. E ingoa no te papa ariki, i Rarotonga nei. 28 August 1869. 6pp. 3. Copy of the above in a different hand and with the meanings of names in English in Gill's hand. 3pp. 4. Priest of Mangaia [in English in Gill's hand]. 2pp. 5. Ariki. 4pp. 6. Kings of Rarotonga [in English in Gill's hand]. 3pp.
Bio note	Born in Bristol, England, William Wyatt Gill was drawn to the ministry at an early age, becoming a member of the Kingsland Congregational Chapel in his native city at age 14. He joined the London Missionary Society in June 1851 and was stationed at Mangaia in the Cook Islands from 1852 to 1872. He moved to Rarotonga in April 1877 and worked there until he retired in November 1883. Gill's scholarly work, Myths and Songs from the South Pacific was published in London in 1876. Through Sir George Grey's influence, Gill's Historical Sketches of Savage Life in Polynesia was published by the NZ Government Printer in 1880. In the late 1880s Gill revised the Rarotongan Bible.
General note	A note in Sir George Grey's hand, presumably written in the 1890s during his last years in London, appears on the envelope which once contained the manuscript: "Valuable native memo concerning the Kings of the Hervey Group. This should go partly to the Rev. Jo[hn] J[oseph] K[night] Hutchin of Rarotonga and partly to Rev. G[eorge] A[lfred] Harris of Mangaia when I am dead. Or better still. Let it form part of Sir George Grey's Library in Auckland. Some of my papers are already there."